



# Foreign Affairs Manual

## 12 FAM — Diplomatic Security

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### **12 FAM 420 POST SECURITY MANAGEMENT**

#### **Changes**

1. This Change Transmittal issues updates to 12 FAM 420. The principal changes to this policy, which has undergone a very extensive review, include:

- Newly drafted language regarding the reporting of security incidents;
- The enhancement and modification of the RSO's responsibilities;
- The use of polygraph for the vetting of LE staff at special conditions posts;
- Addition of language defining an assistant regional security officer and responsibilities;
- Change to the language for post security officers;
- Change to the security incident program;
- Change to the RSO reporting requirements section;
- Office Symbol and other sundry language changes and updates;
- The introduction of new sections: 422.5, Use of the Polygraph in Vetting Locally Employed (LE) Staff at Special Conditions Posts; 422.5-1, Application; and 422.5-2, Requesting Approval to Use the Polygraph; and
- The following material has been moved:

Old location	New location
12 FAM 422.5, RSO and PSO Systems Security Responsibilities	12 FAM 422.6, RSO and PSO Systems Security Responsibilities

2. Due to the amount of new material in this subchapter, changes do not appear in italics and dark magenta. Future revisions may be shown in italic *dark magenta*. Italic *dark magenta* provides a historical record of changes and is used in subchapter issuances where less than 50 percent of the text has been revised.
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